GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Sahara has started an Air Hub in Hyderabad recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other airlines are also being allowed air hubs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): Air Sahara have started to and fro air services from Hyderabad in their Hub Hyderabad Plan w.e.f. 3rd February, 2005. As a consequence of this plan, Air Sahara is now operating 16 flights to 13 cities from Hyderabad as against earlier schedule of 4 daily flights to 4 cities.

(c) & (d):- Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. Further, at present no scheudle deomestic airline other than Air Sahara has come up with proposal to establish air hubs.